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FURTHER INFORMATION ON CARGO SHIPMENTS TO CUBA IN SOVIET SHIPS

1. An additional eight Soviet merchant ships have been noted in COMINT en route Cuba since the publication of [REDACTED]. The following details concerning these ships are available. Read in six columns: Ship [C/S, Gross Tons]/Area of Departure/Port Declared/Cargo Declared/known Cargo/Remarks.

KOMILES (UQIN, 4638)/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx
MINKHAIL URITSKIY (ULGF, 4071)/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/third trip; passenger ship
MARIYA ULYANOVA (ULGH, 4071)/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/third trip; passenger ship
USSURIJSK (UYIE, 9501)/Black Sea/Accra/18/18 tons "technical material"/xxxx/
possibly en route Cuba; second trip
ESTONIYA (UYIA, 4071)/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/passenger ship
IL'YA MECHNIKOV (UPVW, 5065)/Black Sea/xxxx/xxxx/trucks sighted on deck/
second trip
NIKOLAJ BURDENKO (UPVY, 5042)/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/trucks sighted on deck/
second trip
SOBOLEVO (USLL, 3455)/Black Sea/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx

2. Four ships, previously reported as possibly en route Cuba, are now definitely known to be en route Cuba. [REDACTED]

These are the cargo ships METALLURG BARDIN (URDF), SEVASTOPOL' (UCJE), ORENBURG (UYXE), and METALLURG BAJKOV (UNZU).

3. The following cargo and passenger information, obtained from collateral sources, is available on ships previously reported en route Cuba: (a) ATKARSK (UVAD), five liquid storage tanks, six 2.5-ton trucks, an undetermined number of road graders, one cherry picker crane, two large wooden crates; (b) NIKOLAJ PIROGOV (UPVT), four trucks, two cranes, one bulldozer, and other miscellaneous deck cargo; (c) LESOZAVODSK (UQIS), various types of army vehicles, including trucks, on deck; (d) KIMOVSK (URTH), five tank trucks, two busses, four light trucks, nineteen large army trucks, three crane trucks, two truck tractors, two large wooden crates,

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fifty uniformed men; (e) KISLOVODSK (UINR), sixteen trucks.

... In [REDACTED] an incorrect call sign and gross tonnage were given for the refrigerated ship SIMFEROPOL' which is currently en route Cuba from the Black Sea. The correct information is as follows: call sign, UNM; gross tonnage, 5524.

5. The above mentioned ships bring to 129 the total number of Soviet dry cargo voyages begun and/or completed in the third (calendar) quarter of 1962. This number represents a total of 918,756 gross tons.

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